

REMARKS

The present Amendment leaves claims 1-14 unchanged and adds new claims 15-17. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-17.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of the prior Patent No. 6,779,063; and provisionally rejected claims 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of the copending application Serial No. 10/801,685 filed March 17, 2004. Applicants do not agree with these rejections. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith are Terminal Disclaimers obviating these rejections. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimers were not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features as recited in the present claims are taught or suggested by the claims of the prior patent and the claims of the copending application. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimers was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicants note that the only rejection set forth in the Office Action is the above described rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. As indicated above, Terminal Disclaimers were filed so as to obviate these rejections. Therefore, since no other rejections are outstanding, claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance.

As indicated above, the present Amendment adds new claims 15-17. New claims 15-17 are directed to many of the same features recited in claims 1-14. Therefore, the same reasons for the allowability of claims 1-14 apply as well to new claims 15-17.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (274.43266CX2).

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